

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of:	)	
	)	Examiner: Naishadh N. Desai
Tsugio Yokoo, et al.	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 4471
on: SHAFT AND MOLDING APPARATUS)	)	
THEREOF	)	
	)	Art Unit: 2834
U.S. Serial No.: 10/546,622	)	
Int'l Appln. No.: PCT/JP2004/002363	)	
International Filing Date: Feb. 27, 2004	)	
	)	(Docket No.: 4265-0063WOUS)
Filed: August 22, 2005	)	

*Hartford, Connecticut, February 26, 2009*

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated November 26, 2008, having a shortened period of response set to expire February 26, 2009.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** begin on page 2; and  
**REMARKS** begin on page 4.